

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 and 7-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raffel (WO/99/01001) in view of English (USPN 7,870,674). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In rejecting independent claim 1, the Examiner asserts that a mobile station maintains the system priority data and refers to Raffel at page 19, lines 21-24; page 20, line 4 through page 21, line 28; and FIGs. 5-7. Upon careful reading of the disclosure at page 21, lines 1-7, the disclosure describes that the wireless telecommunication network provides, develops, and maintains a table with a counter that can be downloaded to the mobile device, which can then use the counter values to alter the order of search. In contrast, the combination defined by claim 1 defines that the mobile station performs the steps of maintaining system priority data, selecting a group of wireless communication systems, reprioritizing the groups of communication systems, among other things. Thus, a *prima facie* case of obviousness is not established for the claim.

The same distinction can be applied to independent claims 15 and 21 that define a mobile station that performs the step of updating an entry in the system priority data and a mobile station comprising a processing circuitry that creates and maintains system priority data and updates an entry in the system priority data, respectively.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1, 15, and 21 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raffel in view of English should be withdrawn in the next Office action.

The dependent claims have been further rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raffel as the primary reference in view of English and further in view of either Haberman (USPN 5,613,204) or Lynch (USPN 5,586,338). At least by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims 1, 15, or 21, which are patentably distinguishable over Raffel in view of English, all of the dependent claims should be allowed in the next Office action.

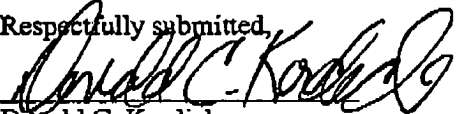
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In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 17-0026. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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